



HOTEL Fort Shelby



NINE HUNDRED ROOMS

LAFAYETTE BOULEVARD AT FIRST ST.
DETROIT

April 3 1838,

Dear Stewart

your letter arrived before I
left for Detroit. I deeply appreciate
the spirit of it, and your decision
to hold off the Berthouze article
until we can get together.

In reference to the family
situation in Princeton where I never
saw a bygone relates to an un-
pleasant tension which developed
a long Christmas time when it
became known that the Trustees
had offered Brewster a sum which

higher than the regular Professor's
salary. The fact, however, that
the arrangement with Brimmer is
out for one year and that he
will be responsible for his own
expenses back to & from Stuttgart.
Cane still has no home in
Princeton. As that all relieve
that situation.

I am with you entirely in your
view touching the Presbyterian or
Forum of ideas. I hope, however,
that this can be done in such
a way as to achieve the maximum
results & maintain the maximum unity,
and without creating prejudices in
the minds of people against per-
sonalities and institutions until
at least the Church public are
in some possession of the necessary
facts to enable them to decide



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intelligently with the questions at
issue.

Looking at the situation in
the case, in the interests of the
Church, the Seminary, and the
Reformed Faith, I am strongly of the
view that the ~~proposition~~ is. would
be the wise and gracious thing
for Dr. Brunner to be allowed
to ^{fulfill} his year's term as guest-
Professor without any prejudices
being raised against him. We
could during that period get
ac- his name on all matters

needing clarification, ~~It is~~ as
much as the present agreement -
with him is that there is nothing
binding on either side regarding
future relations, which will be
determined by ^{further} conference between
the parties concerned, we should
be fulfilling the expectation to
take up the matter first - face
to face with our brother. I myself
have not yet seen Brunner's new
book & want to resume progress
regarding it. Until I have read
it. I do know however, that in
his conference with Barth the feeling
on our side is that Brunner is on
most of the issues closer to our Reformed
position. & ~~Krug~~ - for example, feels this.
I wonder if I could see you sometime
towards the end of the week.

I take it - from your letter that you have
not communicated with Brunner. Affectionately yours
John.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 7, 1938.

Dr. Stewart Robinson,
23 Kempshall Place,
Elizabeth, N. J.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I am wondering whether you received my circular letter sometime ago announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Jewish Work of the Board of National Missions to take place here in New York on April 27th. We are most anxious to have as full a representation of Committee members as possible. Not having heard from you we are writing again to make sure and would appreciate an early reply letting us know whether or not you can attend. We are enclosing another copy of the circular letter. I may say the returns to date indicate that we shall have a very good representation at the meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann Jr.

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110 West Main St.,

New Concord, Ohio.

April 7, 1938.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.

Philadelphia, Pa..

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I am writing this to you personally, seeking a bit of information with reference to your policy in your publication of the "Presbyterian". You are to be congratulated on the splendid paper you are sending out each week. The only criticism I have heard in recent months is the lack of reading for the young people along the line of stories of the wholesome sort. I have heard a number wishing that there might be such a page. Just the other day I heard a lady telling a group that when she was a girl she could scarcely wait for the coming of the paper each week, she was so interested in the story page. I need ^{not} ~~scarcely~~ ^{#2#} ~~###~~ tell you that there is scarcely a magazine publishing stories that is fit to come into a Christian home. If it is not contrary to your policy to publish a serial story, I shall appreciate the privilege of submitting the Ms. of an old-fashioned story, written for youthful readers. It is historical, most of the incidents actual happenings; It is distinctively Christian, yet cannot be regarded as preaching. It teaches the Christian solution to the vexed labor problem. It is a Winona story, and holds the interest of the reader from beginning to end.

Now I must tell you that this story has a history. It was written 30 years ago, and under the title, "Where Woman Gleaned" was accepted for publication in book form by "The Winona Pub. Co., of Chicago. While this book was in press, the Treasurer of the Winona CO. stole \$100,000, and skipped to parts unknown. This threw

the CO. into bankruptcy, and they were forced to close their doors and go out of business. It cannot be said truthfully that the book was published. So far as I know the Co. never sold a copy. A few copies of the story were printed on paper so thin you could see through it, making an unsalable volume half the thickness it would have been if regulally published, and given to me to satisfy a claim I had against the defunct Co. . I gave these copies to some of my friends and kindsmen, but should you use it in "The Presbyterian", after 30 years, and with a new title, it would doubtless be new to every one of your readers. I have just finished the re-writing of the story under the new title, "BARLEY FIELDS OF BOAZ", cutting out two or three chapters, materially shortening and improving it in many ways.

I would like this story to go into thousands of homes, as I am confident it is the kind of reading that tends to make a better world. I am seeking neither money nor fame. If there is any glory I want my Savior to have it. If you care to look it over with a view to using it in "The Presbyterian", I shall be glad to send you the Ms. by express. If, after reading you find it not suited to your needs, just return it by express, Collect, and I shall be satisfied.

You will be interested to know that my paper, "Christ in the Pentateuch", published in "Presbyterian", issue of Dec. 9th, has brought me a good sized bundle of letters, from Cal., Florida, and a number of neighboring states. I am glad that the subscription list for your excellent paper has been somewhat enlarged. With prayers and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Glenroie M. McQueen

Glenroie McQueen, Minister.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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My dear Stewart:

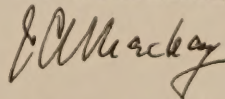
Thank you ever so much for your letters. Dr. Brunner's book has been out, and I have asked the library to get it for me for reading. It has just been sent over, and I look forward to getting into it over the weekend.

It will give me real pleasure to meet Dr. Barnhouse at your home. I am eager to have a good talk about the whole matter. I appreciate your fine spirit and his. What I have been standing for is procedure, so that weighty theological matters may be discussed in the kind of atmosphere that is in keeping with their importance and at the same time most calculated to achieve the greatest possible good.

Fortunately, I have to be in New York at a meeting on Tuesday morning. I had intended lunching on the train and getting back here in time for a class at four o'clock. In view, however, of your thoughtfulness in arranging this meeting, I am making other arrangements for my class on this occasion, and hope to reach your home sometime around four o'clock. I must leave for Princeton soon after five because of the evening meeting.

With warm personal regards, and looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday,

Yours affectionately,



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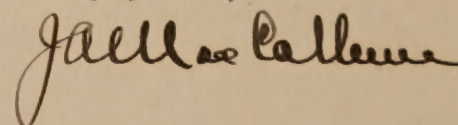
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Dear Doctor Robinson:

It is not only kind and gracious but truly sporting of you to welcome me to a modest place by your side in the "fourth estate". While, as perhaps you know, I have never hesitated to seize my lance, perhaps too impulsively, and enter the lists against the foes of any cause to which I was committed, somehow or other I am not moved by the slightest thrill of combat when I think of you. Our unities are so many and so pronounced that they denature any militancy of feeling that otherwise might be mine. In fact, I would be willing to consider conducting a campaign under your leadership for the purpose of evicting the army of beaurocrats, whose main purpose is to protect their vested interests and their jobs and who have deluded the church into the belief that they are rendering an essential service to the kingdom. If half the cost of "Monday Morning" and "The Pageant" were divided between "The Presbyterian" and "The Tribune", leaving the remainder for the propagation of the gospel, it would make a great forward step in the education of our church. In that case you and I might be able to visit Montreal whenever we needed a new suit of clothes. This morning I had an announcement from Nugent which gave me a touch of nostalgia, particularly in view of the fact that my winter clothes will soon have to go into storage.

With every good wish, I remain

Faithfully yours,



Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.,
23 Kempshal Place,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

P.S. I regret that in writing to so important a member of the confraternity which I have just entered, I have not the new stationery that has been ordered but I am sure that he will understand. J.A.MacC.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 11th, 1938

My dear Dr. Robinson,--

When the copy arrived from the office of THE PRESBYTERIAN I found it was galley proof of the article already set up. I contented myself, therefore, with certain minor changes. I had intended to make considerable change in the form of more positive protest, but did not do so, as I did not wish to compel setting up the article anew.

As it becomes more and more evident what has been done in getting Brunner here even for a year, it becomes possible to make a more definite protest. But it is a difficult and dubious thing to seem to criticize those in authority over us, unless there is no other alternative left. If he will repudiate positions taken in the past, as he has done, the matter may resolve itself.

In my three articles now published I tried to do these three things:

- to indicate that in its rejection of Liberalism there is nothing new since we do that all the time here;
- to indicate that in its positive truths it is merely re-affirming what we do all the time in the Reformed theology;
- to indicate that in what it has that is new it is so vague or inchoate, that while we may maintain an open mind to see what it has to say, we shall certainly not give up our Reformed theology, which is better.

I trust that that has been made clear and that it is a wholesome thing to come from the Seminary just now.

I thank you for kindly publishing the articles.

Yours very truly,

John E. Krueger

228 W. Steuben Street, Crafton,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
April 11th, 1938.

My dear Stew:-

About Miss Loeffler's articles, she has now accepted her appointment under the Board; so as far as I know, you are free to announce it in connection with any of them that you print. You might ask the Board itself to make sure perhaps, though I doubt if that is really necessary.

No- I haven't read Brunner's new book, though judging from the title, it is probably an extension of some lectures I had under him at Zurich. As you doubtless are aware, Brunner is more of a philosophic thinker than Barth; it is probably from this angle that he is being criticised. He gives more place to Man's ability after the Fall to use his reason than Barth is ready to allow. In that I have always thought him less of a Calvinist than Barth, though I wouldn't like to be quoted as saying so because I want him to have a fair chance to show his colors at Princeton. I think it better that he come there with a real chance to make good in America. He can be a tremendous power for the Gospel if he will. He is a clear thinker and a most admirable fellow. You will like him a lot, I know.

To tell the truth, I have been so pressed for money this past year that I can't find much for books. The ones you have sent me for review are about all I have been able to add to my library aside from texts that I need in class. I got that last one of Lataurette and a small one by C.H. Dodd. I'm reading them now and shall hope to have reviews for you shortly. Many many thanks for them; they are both splendid books. Have you had the enclosed reviewed? I can do it in short order if you have not without reading every word, as it is just in line with my own work and requires only a glance.

I greatly appreciate this chance to get books through reviewing them and shall hope to get out a number for you during the summer, if you like. I have more time to read then.

I'm greatly enjoying my work here; besides lectures- all the NT but one course, no, two, I am taking the 1st Church in Crafton this month, due to their pastor's severe illness (Dr. Gageby), taking a Youth Forum each Sabbath evening at Louis Evans' Church (the 3rd Presbyterian in Pittsburgh), and speaking numerous other times on missions and other subjects. It's a great life we ministers have, isn't it?

Affectionately yours,

*P.S. - Pardon the pencil on the
out of ink. By the way, if you can't use all of Miss Loeffler's stuff,
don't think I shall mind. I can imagine that you may not find
it so all of it. It is not all of equal interest. John.*

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

April 15th, 1938
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The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.
23 Hampshal Place
Elizabeth, New Jersey

My dear Stewart:

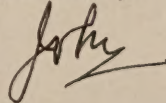
It was a real pleasure to be in your home on Tuesday afternoon, and an interesting experience to talk with Dr. Barnhouse.

I am entirely with you that we ought to discuss Dr. Brunner's position quite frankly if it is a real issue in the minds of serious people. As you know, what I have been interested in is that whatever journalistic controversy may arise may be carried on in the best Reformed tradition.

If you would be kind enough to let me have a copy of the final text of Dr. Barnhouse's article, I should be very pleased to reply in the same number of THE PRESBYTERIAN. It would be necessary, however, in order to make the reply fully relevant, that I should see exactly the position he takes and how he expresses himself. Otherwise I might not be dealing with the exact points that he finally makes, nor yet in the most effective way. This, to my mind, is the fair procedure, in view of all the issues at stake. I wish Brunner were here to answer for himself, but in his absence I feel as adequate a statement as possible ought to be made of his position as I interpret it and its implications. That can only be done if I see Dr. Barnhouse's text in advance.

With affectionate regards,

Yours ever,



JAM:VKT

Hobart, N.Y.
April 16, 1938.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

dated March 28, and

Yes, the long letter signed by Mr. Soltau and me is for your information, not for publication, as it is primarily a letter to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Many things are happening in Korea which shows how inevitable the Mission's decision was. For instance they are, that is the Government is, in one province at least, ordering the churches to go to the State Shrine and bow before entering the church building on Sundays, also to bow toward the East (the living Emperor) to salute the Japanese flag, to repeat in unison an oath of allegiance to Japan, and to discontinue the use of the Christian calendar?

Also about 12 of the Seminary students have been arrested and two professors.

Presbyteries meeting have found that their leading men would be arrested and ordered to make motions to the effect that it was proper for Churches and individual Christians to 'do obeisance' and if they refused such men would be kept under detention. In several cases a weak brother has been found to make such a motion and a few have voted for it and then the police when they did release the stronger men refused to allow them to reconsider the action. Thus what purports to be Presbytery action is actually police action.

On the other hand I have a report that Chica has now withdrawn the prohibition against teaching religion in the schools, and also over the radio today comes the statement that Chiang Kai Shek tonight is going to broadcast on the subject "Why I believe in Jesus Christ."

All these things make me feel that there may be a very unexpected end to the Japan-China war --- one putting her faith in Amaterasu-Omi-kami and one her faith in Jehovah --- at least in and through their highest officials.

I hope to be in Delhi Tuesday and hope that I may meet your mother there.

Cordially yours,

J. E. Holcroft

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April
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have yours of the 22nd.

I have been over-worked
beyond the strength or time at my disposal,
but I will see whether I can write the article
you have in mind by Friday of this week.

I am going to leave the
city on Monday to be gone some time.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Loesch

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